

construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages S6795–S6826**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 92 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 158), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill. **Page S6795**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 8, 2016; and that all post-cloture time on the conference report to accompany the bill expire at 12:30 p.m. **Page S6845**

### House Messages:

***Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act:*** By 94 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 157), Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 34, to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, after taking action on the following motion and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6769–95**

Rejected:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 5117, to change the enactment date. (Senate tabled the motion to concur.) **Pages S6769, S6794**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

McConnell Amendment No. 5118 (to Amendment No. 5117), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 5117 fell. **Page S6769**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro (Treaty Doc. 114–12) (Ex. Rept. 114–16). **Page S6840**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

46 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

94 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S6843–45, S6846–47**

**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Ann Begeman, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2020. **Page S6846**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S6838**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S6838**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S6842–43**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—158) **Page S6795**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6845.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Ann Begeman, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation.

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine assessing the security of our critical surface transportation infrastructure, after receiving testimony from John Roth, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Neil Trugman, Interim Chief, Amtrak Police Department; Thomas Belfiore, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, New York; Chris Spear, American Trucking Associations, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Anthony Straquadine, Jr., Alliance Pipeline Inc., Eden Prairie, Minnesota, on behalf of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, Committee ordered favorably reported H. Con. Res. 40, encouraging reunions of divided Korean American families.

**LAND BUY-BACK PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL NATIONS**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of the Interior's Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations, four years later, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Floyd Azure, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Poplar, Montana; Terry Tatsey, Blackfeet Nation, Browning, Montana; Turk Cobell, Cobell Board of Trustees, Lubbock, Texas; and Melvin E. Monette-Barajas, Indigenous Education, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**AT&T-TIME WARNER TRANSACTION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the competitive impact of the AT&T-Time Warner transaction, after receiving testimony from Randall Stephenson, AT&T Inc., and Mark Cuban, both of Dallas, Texas; Jeff Bewkes, Time Warner Inc., New York, New York; Gene Kimmelman, Public Knowledge, Washington, D.C.; and Daphna E. Ziman, Cinemai, Los Angeles, California.

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 29 public bills, H.R. 6447–6475; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 180–182; and H. Res. 948, 950, were introduced. **Pages H7396–97**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7398–99**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3764, to provide that an Indian group may receive Federal acknowledgment as an Indian tribe only by an Act of Congress, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–847);

Final Report of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi (H. Rept. 114–848); and

H. Res. 949, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2028) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 612) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 114–849). **Page H7396**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Neugebauer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7273**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:38 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7285**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act:*** H.R. 329, amended, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources; **Pages H7292–97**

***Revising the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in New Jersey:*** H.R. 6400, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in New Jersey; **Pages H7297–98**

***Chicano Park Preservation Act:*** H.R. 3711, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Chicano Park, located in San Diego, California;

***Authorizing the Directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with appropriate civilian accreditation entities or appropriate health care evaluation entities to investigate medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs:*** H.R.